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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David L. Patton

**A METHOD FOR PRINTING AND
VERIFYING LIMITED EDITION
STAMPS**

Serial No. US 09/534,433

Filed 23 March 2000

-Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Examiner: M. Henderson

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated August 1, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 16, 17, 27 and 28.

Please amend claims 12, 18, 23 and 29.

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12.(Once Amended) A limited edition stamp comprising:
a first indicia identifying said limited edition stamps as being a
limited edition;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing
conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition
stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

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18.(Once Amended) A limited edition stamp according to claim
12 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed
under UV or infrared light.